| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 8 | Jammu & Kashmir | - | 4416 |
| 9 | Karnataka | - | 8907 |
| 10 | Kerala | - | 151 |
| 11 | Madhya Pradesh | - | 54411 |
| 12 | Maharashtra | - | 13322 |
| 13 | Manipur | - | 1720 |
| 14 | Meghalaya | - | 2321 |
| 15 | Mizoram | - | 531 |
| 16 | Nagaland | - | 793 |
| 17 | Orissa | - | 26648 |
| 18 | Punjab | - | 3908 |
| 19 | Rajasthan | - | 26477 |
| 20 | Sikkim | - | 277 |
| 21 | Tamil Nadu | - | 807 |
| 22 | Tripura | - | 3223 |
| 23 | Uttar Pradesh | 898* | 50779 |
| 24 | Uttaranchal | 9 | 467 |
| 25 | West Bengal | 68 | 23625 |
| | TOTAL | 1496 | 307325 |

*Under GoI scheme "RGGVY"

**Thermal Power Plants in the country**

†2381. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) total number of thermal power plants in the country at present;

(b) whether there is dearth of coal in these thermal power plants;

(c) the steps being taken by Government to overcome this dearth of coal;

(d) whether Kanti thermal power plant of Bihar is achieving its set-target; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor and the measures being taken to achieve the target?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) The total number of thermal power plants in the country are 145 as on 31.3.2005 consisting of 94 coal based plants and 51 of gas based plants.

(b) Domestic supply of coal is not adequate to meet the total consumption requirement of thermal power stations including their normative stock. As on 11.12.2005, 8 stations were critical in regard to coal stock with less than 7 days of stock and out of which 2 stations had coal stock of less than 4 days.

(c) Following steps have been taken by the Government to ensure availability of coal to the power stations:

(i) daily monitoring by Central Electricity Authority (CEA) and Ministry of Power (MOP);

(ii) weekly monitoring and review by a Sub-Group comprising representatives of Ministry of Coal, MOP, CEA, Ministry of Railways to address the problems in supply of coal to thermal power stations having coal stock less than 7 days requirement;

(iii) monthly review of coal production and supply by Infrastructure Constraints Review Committee in the Cabinet Secretariat;

(iv) efforts to enhance the production of coal in the country and import the coal;

(v) allocation of new coal blocks to power producers/utilities for captive mining to meet requirement of their power plants;

(vi) streamlining procedure of environmental/forest clearances to pending coal mining projects; and

(vii) import of coal.

(d and (e) Kanti (Muzaffarpur) Thermal Power Station is having 2 units of 110 MW each commissioned in March, 1985 and March, 1986 respectively. Both the units are under shut down since October, 2003 due to deteriorated condition of the units.

Ministry of Power, Government of India has advised Bihar State Electricity Board (BSEB) to form a joint venture with NTPC for revival/

Operation and Maintenance (O&M) of Kanti (Muzaffarpur) TPS. An agreement of "Partnership in Excellence" was executed between BSEB and NTPC on 30.08.2005 for restoration and improvement of the units.

**Loans for the Urban Power Projects expansion in Maharashtra**

2382. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Maharashtra has sought loans amounting to Rs. 9,600 crore from the Power Finance Corporation and the Rural Electrification Corporation to finance the Urban Power Projects expansion (1,400 MW), Khapar Kheda Thermal Project (500 MW) and a joint venture project with Chhattisgarh Electricity Board;

(b) if so, the details of loans sought from each Corporation;

(c) whether the loans have been granted; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) No, Sir. Neither Government of Maharashtra has sought loan to the tune of Rs. 9600 crores to finance the Urban Power Projects expansion nor has any proposal with regard to providing loan to joint venture project with Chhattisgarh Electricity Board been forwarded so far. Further, Power Finance Corporation (PFC) has not received detailed loan application in respect of Khaper Kheda Thermal Project as well.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

**Incentives under APDRP**

2383. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Wil the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that during the first two years of the APDRP in the Tenth Plan period, many States have received incentives through reduction in audited losses;

(b) if so, the details thereof;